

## **Adult Education Division**

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## This Month's Highlights

The Central Nine Career Center's Adult Education Division is busily preparing for the summer months. We have expanded, again! Our numbers keep increasing with our marketing strategies and focusing on making those community connections. In January of 2014 we had 17 ABE/ESL classes. We have now have 21 total ABE/ESL classes. We are at 18 offsite locations in Johnson, Marion, and Morgan counties. The Adult Education staff continues to meet once a month for our faculty meetings. Our classes will continue to run all summer, which is what the DWD encourages.

The Adult Education staff is working hard to prepare for the Career Fair on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 8pm. Currently there are 9 confirmed companies and/or industries that will have a representative here that evening. Soft skills will be a focus by our Adult Education staff, by having booth's set up to practice interview skills, resume writing, filling out job applications, and what to wear to an interview. The computer lab will also be open that evening for our adult students to actually get their resumes completed and saved to flash drives and the lab will also be used for some career exploration.

During my last Administration Series workshop with the Department of Workforce Development, I did some analyzing of the Central Nine Adult Education data. Some interesting facts are:

- 58% of population is ABE; 42% of population is ESL
- 435 of our 811 currently enrolled students are employed.
- 54% of population is female; 46% of population is male
- 53% of population is between 25 -44 year olds
- 66% of population enrolls below a 5.1 reading level.

On April 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Central 9 proctored the HSEA online. It was a very successful and positive experience for the proctors and the examinees. The examinees received their results the next day compared to when the test is given on paper it has been taking the examinees about 3 weeks to get their results.

In Continuing Education, the classes are finishing up for the semester. We will be offering and introductory welding class for 4 weeks this summer. The other continuing education classes will take the summer off and begin again in August.